

REMARKS

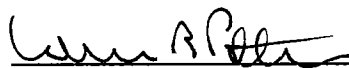
This is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 4, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 4, 2008.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner indicated that the preliminary amendment dated February 17, 2007 did not have a complete list of claims and therefore was not entered. As a result, the claims in the preliminary amendment dated June 6, 2008 did not have the proper status indicator (i.e. claims 1-3 and 8-11 should be marked as "original" and claims 12-24 should be marked as "new"). In response, Applicants have amended the status indicator of the claims accordingly. Applicants believe that claims 1-3, 8-11 and 12-24 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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